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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING HYDROXYLATED FATTY
ACIDS AND δ -LACTONES**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to calculating the
filing fee, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 3-10, 15-27 and 31-44 have been rewritten as indicated below:

a1 3. (Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the first
microorganism has the activity to introduce hydroxy into the 13-position and
hydrogen into the 12-position of linoleic acid, α -linolenic acid or γ -linolenic
acid to make the 12-position a single bond.